

REMARKS

The Examiner has rejected Claims 1-3, 5-12, 16-21 and 23-24 under U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,189,788 issued to Sherman et al. ("Sherman") in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,149,947 issued to Collins, Jr. ("Collins, Jr.") and U.S. Patent No. 6,378,684 issued to Cox ("Cox"). Claims 4 and 13 were rejected under U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sherman as modified by Collins, Jr., and Cox as applied to Claim 1 and further in view of U.S. Application Publication No. 2004/0143512 to Sturr, Jr. ("Sturr").

Independent Claim 1 includes, among other elements, language "wherein the mobile power supply is configured and arranged so as to output a voltage lying in a predetermined range for a standard AC voltage and wherein the computing device and peripherals thereof are configured so as to be powered by the standard AC voltage."

As stated by the Examiner, Sherman does not teach the above quoted element. However, the Examiner alleges that "[i]t would have been obvious to an artisan of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to incorporate the portable/mobile power supply having a capability of AC voltage/power converting as taught by Cox to the teaching of Sherman in view of Collins, Jr. in order to conveniently provide AC voltage/power to the system component, such as the controller 62 (column 8 lines 14-27)." Applicants respectfully disagree.

Sherman teaches a system that can be hand carried in a compartmentalized rectangular carrying case, where each rectangular component has its own direct current power supply. Moreover, the Sherman teaches an external power socket for supplying the printer mechanism with external power and further for charging a battery power source. Sherman therefore uses two different types of power sources for powering the

devices. The Applicant's apparatus includes a "mobile power supply [that] is configured and arranged so as to output a voltage lying in a predetermined range for a standard AC voltage and wherein the computing device and peripherals thereof are configured so as to be powered by the standard AC voltage." That is, a single power source for providing power to the components. One of ordinary skill in the art would not modify Sherman for the reasons suggested by the Examiner or for any other reason. In particular, Sherman already has two sources of power. Moreover, the addition of more circuitry to the Sherman device goes against the teachings of Sherman that specifically states that "compactness to promote ease of handling is a desirable feature in accordance with an object of the invention." Adding more circuitry would not accomplish this feature but would instead make it heavier and bigger and less portable. This is clearly evidenced by the fact that the Cox system is not a hand carried device but one that is designed to be pushed on a cart. Applicants respectfully state that Sherman, Collins, Jr., and Cox do not provide any reason for combining as alleged by Examiner nor show why Applicants' invention would be an alleged combination of the cited references. Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection for Claim 1.

Claims 2-4 and 16-17 depend on independent Claim 1 and include all of the elements of Claim 1. For the reasons discussed above with respect to Claim 1, withdrawal of the rejections for Claims 2-4 and 16-17 is respectfully requested.

Claim 5 depends on and includes all of the elements of Claim 1. Moreover, Claim 5 states that the back plate receives the computing device and further that the backplate is tiltably mounted on the movable cart so that the user can position the computing device accordingly. Sherman does not show the above element as claimed. As shown in Figure 9, the base of the Sherman device has a plurality of adjacent and parallel cross

grooves 168 that provide for seating the cavity end 169 of the tray 161 on the backrest 163 of various differently sized shopping carts. These grooves 168 adapt the tray 161 to most shopping carts. The grooves are not for tiltably mounting as suggested by the Examiner. It is for placement in the shopping cart in one position. With respect to the Applicant's device, the apparatus can tiltably move after placement in the shopping cart. This is not shown in Sherman or any of the other cited references. For the reasons discussed above and with respect to Claim 1, withdrawal of the rejection for Claim 5 is respectfully requested.

Independent Claim 6 includes, among other elements, language similar to that cited in Claims 1 and 5. For the reasons discussed above with respect to Claims 1 and 5, withdrawal of the rejection for Claim 6 is respectfully requested.

Independent Claim 7 includes, among other elements, language similar to that cited in Claims 1 and 5. For the reasons discussed above with respect to Claims 1 and 5, withdrawal of the rejection for Claim 7 is respectfully requested.

Claims 8-13 depend on independent Claim 7 and include all of the elements of Claim 7. For the reasons discussed above with respect to Claim 7, withdrawal of the rejections for Claims 8-13 is respectfully requested.

Independent Claim 18 includes, among other elements, language similar to that cited in Claims 1 and 5. For the reasons discussed above with respect to Claims 1 and 5, withdrawal of the rejection for Claim 18 is respectfully requested.

Independent Claim 19 includes, among other elements, language similar to that cited in Claims 1 and 5. For the reasons discussed above with respect to Claims 1 and 5, withdrawal of the rejection for Claim 19 is respectfully requested.

Independent Claim 20 includes, among other elements, language similar to that cited in Claims 1 and 5. For the reasons discussed above with respect to Claims 1 and 5, withdrawal of the rejection for Claim 20 is respectfully requested.

Independent Claim 21 includes, among other elements, language similar to that cited in Claims 1 and 5. For the reasons discussed above with respect to Claims 1 and 5, withdrawal of the rejection for Claim 21 is respectfully requested.

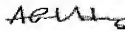
Claims 23-24 depend on independent Claim 21 and include all of the elements of Claim 21. For the reasons discussed above with respect to Claim 21, withdrawal of the rejections for Claims 23-24 is respectfully requested.

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